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Oration Militarie to all
naturall Englishmen, whe-
ther Protestants, or other-
wise in Religion affected,

to moue resolution in
these dangerous
times.

Wherein is expressed the de-
light of libertie, and the ty-
rannie of the enemy.

With a Prayer both pithie
and necessary.

Written by a zealous affected Subject.

Non nobis solum nascimur.



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Worthy Country-
men, whose pre-
decessors were
not onely feared
in Europe, but fa-
mous throughe
all the discovered partes of the
Earth: doubtfull it is not, but
your harts are prepared, and
your mindes as it were one fire,
valiantly to resist the force of a-
ny forreyne inuasion: yet to adde
flame vnto your fire, I thought
good in this breefe exhortation,
to animate each of you, (if it may
be) to more resolution. know
then (worthy Countrymen, for
why we know you are not igno-
rant, what rumors are spread
of the preparation of that man
of sinne, that worthlesse Priest

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might begin to repa-
arion not from: not
only possesse the part
beareth & charge

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of Rome, against this Royall
Realme) and be you assured, that
whatsoever pretence of Justice
our aduersaries by their false A-
postles (or Seminarie Priests)
shall buzze into your eares, as
redresse of wrongs, reformati-
on of Religion or such like: yet
if you respect your auncient li-
bertie, & consider the thralldome
of your neighbours subiected to
the tyranic of Spanissh govern-
ment, and the double dealing of
the Popes feined holines, wey-
ing besides, that of all bondage,
there is none more vile than the
seruice of the vile, you will (I
doubt not) resolute every one ra-
ther on death, were it neuer so
bitter, than either by perswas-
ions of flatterie or feare, submit
your selues to such, as neyther
merit names of men, or are for
cour-

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courtesie to be accounted among
reasonable creatures. The hea-
then men (good Christian Coun-
treymen) were so affected unto
their native soyle, that some of
them haue entred the armies of
the enemies, and aimed at the
harts of their cheefe Rulers, set-
ting so light by torments, that
being apprehended, they them-
sclues haue burnt off the hand,
whose deathfull stroke mistooke
the man, their hearts desired to
dispatch: some cast themselves
into raging gulphes: others de-
tested life, when Countreyes li-
bertie hath bene lost: most crying
out, *O fortunata mors que natura de-
bita pro Patria potissimum est reddita.*
Then much more we, who are
not onely bound by like loue, but
by a greater boude (euen Chri-
stian libertie) ought to set light

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by life, & willingly embrace the
greatest torments that tyranny
can oppose, rather than see Re-
ligion defaced, our Countrey ru-
inated, our Soueraigne Prin-
cesse iniured, our wotues and vir-
gins defiled, our infants tost on
pikes, and our goods the gree-
die Spaniards spoyle. Take
courage Countreymen, and if
they come, resolute on victorie or
death: if they come not, deter-
mine some of you to braue the
cowardes at their doores. Bea-
more, let not anie, either En-
glish traytor, or forcyue tyrant,
be named leader but of a bande
against this noble Island, or the
least part of her Maiesties Do-
minions, but let his heart bloud
by some deuice or other, satisfie
for an attempt so iniurious.

Set before your eyes the de-
solation

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solation of the Lowe Countrie,
whose people flourished within
these thirtie yeres, no Nation in
more felicitie: but since the Spa-
niardes haue opprest their go-
uernment, no men so miserable.
Of their affliction, it is needlesse
to speake, for that your eyes are
witnesses of their exiled num-
bers, your eares haue heard of
the mercilesse massacres among
them, and the whole worlde re-
porteth y^e wretchednesse of their
defaced Cities, and desolate ha-
bitations. But some may say to
me, seeing the Pope is Patrone
of this hallowed armie, there
shal be mercie shewed to the sub-
misse, and reward to such as re-
sist not (for thus his fauourers
will report of him): but bee not
you deceiued Countreymen, to
you I now speake that haue af-
fected

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fecte^d our Antichristian enemy,
the elder brother to *Mahomet*, by
whose pride the younger grew to
such pompe, learne nowe at last
to discerne him by his deedes.
His pride O Countreymen, lost
all *Asia*, *Syria*, *Arabia*, *Armenia*,
Cappadocia, *Aegypt*, *Africa*, a great
part of *Europe*, as *Thracia*, *Constantinople*, all *Greece*, almost all *Hungarie*,
Epyrus, *Illyria*, a great part of
Austria, with those famous Iles
of *Rhodes* and *Candie*, and infinite
other Regions, nowe subiect to
Turkish tyrannie: yea, he that
will needes bee called high Bi-
shop of Christendome, hath be-
trayed these Christian King-
domes, and yet ceaseth not by
like dissension, to lay open this
little remnant for the Turkish
inuation. His mercie & the mer-
cie of his adherents, is like that
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which *Mustapha* his spiritual brother shewed, when *Famogosta* was deliuered by y^e Prince of *Cyprus*, who forced through long famine to compound, couenanted soldierlike he and his people should depart with bag and baggage: but most faithlesly when they were issued, after manie vile reproches, they stript the Prince, and with hotte pincers blistered his bodie, thrusting wier into euerie blister, & being dead with famine and this torment, they bowelled and stufte him full of strawe, & on their greatest galleyes mast, (whereinto his soldiers were thrust for slaues,) they hanged y^e martyred Prince to augment his seruants miserie: such mercie as the Spaniards shewed to the Portugalls in *Tercera*, who were al without
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respect of age or innocence, put
either to tormenting Deaths, or
condemned to the Gallies, yet
were they of the same religion as
their enemies, both subject to the
Sea of *Rome*: such mercie as the
silly *Indians* finde, who the *Spa-*
niards haue bayted with dogs,
thrown to wilde beasts, & but-
chered by hundreds, as their
owne Writers report: therefore
it is euident that they regard not
Religion, but seeke for *Englands*
ruine, wherefore helpe them
not: but remember the resoluti-
on of *Lewys* the French Kinges
sonne, discovered to the English
Gentlemen confederates against
their naturall Prince King *Iohn*,
by a noble man of *France* a coun-
seller to the said *Lewys*, beeing in
London at the point of death: and
for that it is so excellent an ex-
ample

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ample in these times, & the presence of the English rebellious was to defend the Papal dignitie, I thinke good briefly to note the effect of his admonition: My Lords (saith he) and Gentlemen of England, I am in conscience moued, my houre of death approching, to warne you of imminent danger that hangeth ouer your heads: You see that my Lord the Prince Lewys through your assistance, hath gained many forces in this Realme of England: and if you were not blinded with too much malice, you might easily perceiue what he intendeth toward you, in that he makes French men rulers ouer these holdes: but to assure you better of his intent, I protest vpon my soule, which must shortly answere, if I speake vnt ruth, that before euer we left Paris, it was agreed, that not one of you which assisted him against your Souereigne, but should haue the reward of traytors when

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he was possessed of the crowne. Remember this good Countreymen, and trust not strangers, belecue not the secret messengers from *Rome*, but be ye all of one minde in the Defence of *England*, least enuie let in the enemye, who will neither spare the enuious, nor the enuied: therefore let factious men be hated as your deadliest enemies, & count him happie which haths his ende y^e muttereth dissention in your eares. Lastly, noble Englishmen, that abhorre the dogges of *Poperie*, or at least haue not at all tasted thereof, consider the olde Principle, *Nulla fides cum hæreticis obseruanda*, and for heretikes hee accounteth vs, wherefore wee ought neither to belecue him nor his. This point the *Pope* hath so obserued, that hee hath made the sonne breake faith

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faith with y^e father, y^e wife with
 the husband, as latcly in *France*,
 the subiect with the Prince, as
England can too wel witnesse, yea
 by Ambassadors, which is ab=
 hominable amōg heathen men,
 hath the Pope and *Spaine* practi=
 sed treason, as latcly by *Mendoz-*
za with *Francis Throckmorton* euen
 in *London*. O Countrymen, detest
 these infidels, thinke on your
 goods, your lands, parēts, chil=
 dren, wiues, Prince, Countrie,
 and Religion, for which to die is
 euen the waye to life, without
 which to liue is worse than any
 death: and trust in God that gi=
 ueth victorie, to whose righte=
 ousnes if we cleaue, and consent
 in vnitie, our enemies shall be of
 no force, who are only feared be=
 cause they are cruell, and neuer
 winne victorie but by treason.

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The Praier.



Almightie & Eternal God, that
dispocest of all Nations at thy
pleasure, & hast alwayes from
the worldes foundation, shewen forth
thy wonders in deliuering thy elect, e-
uen from the very doore of death; as
Noah from the olde rebellious, *Lot*
from *Sodom*, *Jacob* from *Esau*, *Israel* fro
Egypt, *David* from *Saul*, and *Ezekiah*
from *Zenacherib*: all these thy chil-
dren, (O mightie God of hostes) had
mightie worldlings to their enemies:
but for their faith was fixed in thy
righteousnes, the armies nor enuie of
their aduersaries could preuail against
the: for, with the breath of thy mouth
were they consumed; & to their shame
were they cōfounded. Thou wert one
God from the beginning, thou art the
same, & wilt be euer one; which makes
vs wretched sinners, (not withstanding
the number of our misdeedes, excee-
ding the Starres in Heauen, or sandes
of the Sea) to prostrate our selues be-
fore thy throne of Maiesty, beseeching
mercy

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mercy and thy omnipotent assistance. We haue sinned ô Lord, we haue gone astray, be mercifull, ô God be mercifull to our offences, and for thy owne name sake, looke downe vpo thy small flocke, thy little Church of England, against whom whole armies of *Rabshakehs* are sent to rayle, *Zenacherb* himselfe blaspheming, and practising in *Babylon* our ruine: & to him are ioyned the greatest nations. Against thee & thine anoynted *Elizabeth* haue they conspired; against thee and thine inheritance of *England* haue they bent their power; they haue sworne to renew their olde abominations; and make thy sanctuarie among vs desolate: being in number as the dust of the earth. But O God of *Abraham*, *Isaac*, *Iacob* and their righteous seede, in whose sight the Maiestie of men is miserable, and their proudest numbers as the fearefull Hinde: stretch forth thy arme, & fight for vs ô Lord; poure foorth thy spirite on our honorable & aged men, on our youthfull and valiant men, that the one with counsell agreeable to thy will, may stirre vp the
courage

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courage of the other to fight thy battels, that the foes of *England*, (enemies to thy Almightynesse) may be as chaffe tossed with the winde. Increase in vs charitie, confirme our faith; defend our Souereigne, continue thy Gospell mongst vs, that thou maist be glorified for euer in this Realme of *England*. Grant these deare Father and al other our necessities, euen for thy sonne our Sauour Iesus sake. Amen.



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